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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING TO SOVIETS, EITHER TO

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A. AS FOLLOW-UP TO APRIL 10-25 MEETING IN USSR OF TEMPORARY GROUP OF COAL EXPERTS, US WISHES TO CONSIDER IN GREATER DETAIL PROSPECTS FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION IN FOLLOWING SPECIFIC AREAS OF COAL PREPARATION:

1) FROTH FLOTATION, INCLUDING CELL GEOMETRY, IMPELLER DESIGN, USE OF COAL COLLECTORS TO ENHANCE FLOATABILITY, AND INSTRUMENTATION TO FEED FLOTATION REAGENTS PROPORTIONALLY;

2) FINE COAL DEWATERING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL;

3) DENSE MEDIUM CYCLONING BELOW 500 MICRONS (35 MESH), ESPECIALLY MEANS TO MINIMIZE LOSS OF MAGNETITE IN DENSE MEDIUM CLEANING OF FINE SIZE COAL.

B. US IS WILLING TO PROCEED WITH FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THESE TOPICS BEFORE NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, OR AT NEXT JC MEETING, OR DURING JAN-FEB 76 RETURN VISIT TO US OF SOVIET TEMPORARY GROUP OF COAL EXPERTS.

C. US WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOVIET VIEWS ON THESE TOPICS, ON PROCEDURE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, AND ON TOPICS SOVIETS WISH TO CONSIDER DURING RETURN VISIT OF COAL DELEGATION.

2. FYI ONLY: USDEL SAW NOTHING ON WHICH TO BASE POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COOPERATION IN ANY OTHER COAL AREA. SLURRY COMBUSTION FACILITY WAS NOT IN OPERATION WHEN THEY SAW IT. SOVIET SIDE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN UNDERGROUND COAL GASIFICATION AND SAID IT CAME UNDER ANOTHER MINISTRY (US WISHES TO PURSUE THIS UNDER GAS GROUP - SEE REF C). SOVIET WORK SEEN ON SURFACE COAL CONVERSION TO LIQUID AND GASEOUS FORMS WAS NOT ADVANCED. TEAM LEARNED THAT DURING LAST 10 YEARS SOVIETS HAD REDUCED HYDRAULIC PRODUCTION FROM 10 MINES TO ONE IN DONETSK BASIN. ALTHOUGH HYDRAULIC PRODUCTION IN KU;NETSK BASIN CONTINUES, REPORTED RESULTING COMPLICATIONS FOR COAL PREPARATION MAKE THIS SUBJECT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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LIMITED INTEREST TO US. TEAM WAS SHOWN NOTHING ON OTHER SOVIET SUGGESTIONS FROM LAST OCTOBER: HYDRAULIC TRANSPORTATION, THERMOCATALYTIC PROCESSING, AND COOLING SYSTEMS FOR MINERS. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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